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SUBJECT: OVERSEAS COMPANIES BID TO ASSEMBLE BUSES IN JAMAICA

1. THREE COMPANIES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, ONE FROM HUNGARY AND ONE FROM THE UNITED STATES HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN THE ASSEMBLING OF BUSES IN JAMAICA. THE BIDS ARE BEING COORDINATED BY THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.
 2. A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE PROJECT CALLS, IN THE FIRST PHASE, FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF BUS BODIES FROM IMPORTED COMPONENTS; THE SECOND PHASE WOULD INVOLVE THE WELDING AND PRODUCTION OF CHASSES AND THE INSTALLATION OF ENGINES IN THE UNITS. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT, THE PROJECT WHICH INITIALLY CALLS FOR A CAPITAL OF NEARLY J\$250,000 WILL BE A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE OVERSEAS FIRM PROVIDING THE TECHNOLOGY AND SOME CAPITAL AND THE LOCAL PARTNER PUTTING UP THE BALANCE OF THE CAPITAL AND THE INFRA-STRUCTURE. NO ACTUAL COSTING OF THE SECOND PART OF THE PROJECT WHICH REQUIRES THE IMPORTATION OF MACHINERY HAS YET BEEN MADE.
 3. THE FEASIBILITY STUDY REVEALS THAT THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE MARKET IN JAMAICA FOR BUS BODIES BY THE JAMAICA OMNIBUS SERVICE (JOS), OPERATORS OF THE KINGSTON BUS TRANSPORT SYSTEM;
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- RURAL OPERATORS OF BUS FLEETS AND PRIVATE OPERATORS OF MINIBUSES. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT AN EXPORT MARKET COULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.
 4. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE POLICY CALLS FOR JAMAICAN CONTROL AND IT IS MORE THAN LIKELY THAT THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WILL COME IN AS A THIRD PARTNER. THIS MIGHT WELL BE THROUGH

THE JOS WHICH IS OWNED BY THE GOJ. NO TARGET DATE HAS YET
BEEN SET FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUSINESS AND BIDS
THROUGH A LOCAL PARTNER ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED. INTERESTED
U.S. COMPANIES SHOULD SEEK MORE DETAILS FROM MR. S. SAMPSON,
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